

336/836, 338, 339, 340, 347/348/847, 351/851, 359-C/659-C, 359-V, 633/634/635, 638/639/838, 642/842 and 647/648 have been reduced for carryforward applied to the 1995 limits.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see Federal Register notice 59 FR 65531, published on December 20, 1994). Information regarding the 1996 CORRELATION will be published in the Federal Register at a later date.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the ATC, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 15, 1995.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: Under the terms of section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC); and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 1996, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wood, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Macau and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Levels in Group I	
219	2,646,000 square meters.
225	9,261,000 square meters.
313	6,615,000 square meters.
314	1,102,500 square meters.
315	3,307,500 square meters.
317	6,615,000 square meters.
326	2,646,000 square meters.

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
333/334/335/833/834/835.	231,554 dozen of which not more than 129,162 dozen shall be in Categories 333/335/833/835.
336/836	54,883 dozen.
338	298,088 dozen.
339	1,248,586 dozen.
340	282,141 dozen.
341	192,699 dozen.
342	87,176 dozen.
345	53,306 dozen.
347/348/847	705,568 dozen.
350/850	58,117 dozen.
351/851	65,861 dozen.
359-C/659-C ¹	332,535 kilograms.
359-V ²	109,767 kilograms.
611	2,646,000 square meters.
625/626/627/628/629	6,615,000 square meters.
633/634/635	490,334 dozen.
638/639/838	1,546,815 dozen.
640	114,963 dozen.
641/840	197,591 dozen.
642/842	108,711 dozen.
645/646	269,484 dozen.
647/648	513,377 dozen.
659-S ³	116,236 kilograms.
Group II	
400-469, as a group	1,484,449 square meters equivalent.
Sublevel in Group II	
445/446	80,029 dozen.

¹Category 359-C: only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010; Category 659-C: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.00.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

²Category 359-V: only HTS numbers 6103.19.2030, 6103.19.9030, 6104.12.0040, 6104.19.8040, 6110.20.1022, 6110.20.1024, 6110.20.2030, 6110.20.2035, 6110.90.904, 6110.90.9046, 6201.92.2010, 6202.92.2020, 6203.19.1030, 6203.19.9030, 6204.12.0040, 6204.19.8040, 6211.32.0070 and 6211.42.0070.

³Category 659-S: only HTS numbers 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020.

Imports charged to these category limits for the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995 shall be charged against those levels of restraint to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such goods shall be subject to the levels set forth in this directive.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment in the future pursuant to the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the ATC and any administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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Request for Public Comments on Bilateral Textile Consultations with the Government of Nepal on Certain Man-Made Fiber Textile Products

December 15, 1995.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on categories for which consultations have been requested, call (202) 482-3740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

On November 28, 1995, in accordance with Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended, the Government of the United States requested consultations with the Government of Nepal with respect to man-made fiber skirts in Category 642, produced or manufactured in Nepal.

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that, if no solution is agreed upon in consultations with the Government of Nepal, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements may later establish a limit for the entry and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of man-made fiber textile products in Category 642, produced or manufactured in Nepal and exported during the twelve-month period which began on November 28, 1995 and extends through November 27, 1996, at a level of not less than 92,081 dozen.

A statement of serious damage concerning Category 642 follows this notice.

Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding

the treatment of Category 642, or to comment on domestic production or availability of products included in Category 642, is invited to submit 10 copies of such comments or information to Troy H. Cribb, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; ATTN: Helen L. LeGrande. The comments received will be considered in the context of the consultations with the Government of Nepal.

Because the exact timing of the consultations is not yet certain, comments should be submitted promptly. Comments or information submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Office of Textiles and Apparel, room H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Further comments may be invited regarding particular comments or information received from the public which the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements considers appropriate for further consideration.

The solicitation of comments regarding any aspect of the implementation of an agreement is not a waiver in any respect of the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1) relating to matters which constitute "a foreign affairs function of the United States."

The United States remains committed to finding a solution concerning Category 642. Should such a solution be reached in consultations with the Government of Nepal, further notice will be published in the Federal Register.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see Federal Register notice 59 FR 65531, published on December 20, 1994).

Troy H. Cribb,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Statement of Serious Damage
Nepal

Man-made Fiber Skirts—Category 642
November 1995

Import Situation and Conclusion

U.S. imports of manmade fiber skirts, Category 642, from Nepal reached 92,081 dozen for the year-ending August 1995, three times the 29,006 dozen imported during the same period a year earlier. Imports from Nepal during the year-ending August 1995 were 1.9 percent of total U.S. imports of Category

642 and were equivalent to 2.1 percent of U.S. domestic production of Category 642 for the year-ending June 1995.

U.S. imports of manmade fiber skirts from Nepal in Category 642 during the first eight months of 1995 entered the U.S. at an average landed duty-paid value of \$49.59 per dozen, 67 percent below the average U.S. producers' price for manmade fiber skirts.

The sharp and substantial increase of low-valued Category 642 imports from Nepal is causing serious damage to the U.S. domestic industry producing manmade fiber skirts.

U.S. Production, Import Penetration, and Market Share

U.S. production of manmade fiber skirts, Category 642, increased from 5,119,000 dozen in 1992 to 5,227,000 dozen in 1993, an increase of 2 percent. Domestic production of Category 642 fell to 4,610,000 dozen in 1994, 12 percent below the 1993 level and 10 percent below the 1992 level. Domestic production of Category 642 continued to decline in 1995, falling to 2,347,000 dozen in the first half of 1995, 7 percent below the January-June 1994 level. In contrast, imports of Category 642 increased from 3,819,000 dozen in 1992 to 4,177,000 dozen in 1994, a 9 percent increase. Category 642 imports continue to increase in 1995, reaching 3,657,467 dozen during January-August 1995, 28 percent above the January-August 1994 level.

The ratio of imports to domestic production increased from 75 percent in 1992 to 91 percent in 1994, and reached 113 percent in the first half of 1995. The share of the U.S. market for manmade fiber skirts held by domestic manufacturers fell from 60 percent in 1992 to 55 percent in 1994, and to 48 percent during January-June 1995.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation's Proposed North Expansion Tailings Modernization Project in Salt Lake County, UT.

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Sacramento District, Utah Field Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

for the Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation (Kennecott) proposed North Expansion Tailings Modernization Project (Project) in Salt Lake County, Utah. The proposed Project provides tailings storage capacity required for the next 25 to 30 years of Kennecott's operation. The FEIS is available for public review at the Salt Lake City Library, Main Branch, 209 East 500 South and the Salt Lake County Library System, Magna Branch, 8339 West 3500 South. Copies for distribution are available from Mr. Michael A. Schwinn, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Utah Regulatory Office, 1403 South 600 West, Suite A, Bountiful, Utah 84010.

DATES: A public hearing will be held at 6:00 pm on January 18, 1996 at the Olympus Hotel and Conference Center, Wasatch 2 Conference Room, 161 West 600 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The 30 day waiting period prior to the Record of Decision ends January 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the FEIS, contact Mr. Michael A. Schwinn, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Utah Regulatory Office, 1403 South 600 West, Suite A, Bountiful, Utah 84010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for a copy of the FEIS or questions to Mr. Michael A. Schwinn, Project Manager, (801) 295-8380.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Kennecott is proposing to expand its existing tailings impoundment by approximately 3500 acres. The proposed Project site is directly to the north and northwest of the existing tailings impoundment. Kennecott has identified two primary needs for the proposed Project. First, as the existing tailings impoundment is nearing its operational capacity, Kennecott requires approximately 1.9 billion tons of storage capacity to support mining and concentrating operations for the next 25 to 30 years. Since only approximately 0.3 to 0.4 billion tons of this material will be stored in the existing impoundment, additional capacity is required. The second need is for a seismic upgrade to the existing tailings impoundment. As more information has recently become available regarding the seismic nature of the Salt Lake Valley, Kennecott has identified a need to upgrade the existing facility. Accordingly, the proposed action includes various engineering measures to upgrade the existing facility in the event of a large earthquake.

The proposed Project would provide approximately 3500 acres of additional tailings storage area. Approximately 1.6 billion tons of tailings would be stored